

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

Upon detecting the origination of an emergency call to a public safety answering point (PSAP), an IP softphone places this call over a cellular network rather than utilizing data communication. By placing the emergency call over the cellular system, the call is automatically routed by the cellular system to the appropriate PSAP, and the cellular system also provides to the PSAP the location of the IP softphone. The IP softphone utilizes a peripheral that provides the radio frequency circuitry necessary to place the emergency call to the PSAP.